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## LEE TO LEAD AN INVADING COLUMN.

Assigned to Command of Seventh Volunteer  
Corps.

FIGHTING JO WHEELER WILL COMMAND THE VOLUNTEER  
CAVALRY IN CUBA.

Order Assigning Generals to Commands--Spanish Admiral  
Hemmed In Carribean--Blanco Short of Provisions.

WASHINGTON, May 16.--Special--There was a general order from the war Department this afternoon of very great significance and its promulgation is taken as an evidence that the administration will at once take the aggressive and carry the war into the enemy's country and strike the decisive blow with as little delay as possible.

The order makes the following assignment of general officers:

Major Gen. Wesley Merritt, Commander of Department of the Pacific.

Major Gen. Brooke, First Corps, Department of the Gulf.

Major Gen. Graham, Second Corps Volunteers, headquarters at Falls Church, Va.

Major Gen. Wade, Third Corps Volunteers, reporting to Gen. Brooke, at Chickamauga.

Major Gen. Coppinger, Fourth Corps Volunteers, headquarters at Mobile.

Major Gen. Shafter, Fifth Corps Volunteers, headquarters at Tampa.

Major Gen. Otis, Corps Volunteers, to report to Gen. Merritt.

Major Gen. Wilson, Sixth Corps Volunteers, reporting to Gen. Brooke, at Chickamauga.

Major Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Seventh Corps Volunteers, Tampa.

Major Gen Joseph Wheeler, Commanding Cavalry Volunteers, headquarters at Tampa.

### Exchange for Thrall and Johnson.

New York, May 16.--(Special.)--A special dispatch from Key West to the Evening World says:

The World correspondents imprisoned in Fort Cabanas in Cuba are saved, Gen. Blanco has courteously acceded to representations made to him yesterday by United States special government agent Lieut. Brainard, U. S. N. As quickly as two Spanish officers can reach Key West they will be taken to Havana under a white flag to be exchanged, and the World correspondents will be brought back to Key West by the same steamer.

### The Fleet Goes North.

Washington, May 16.--(Special.)--The latest advices here are that the Spanish vessels at Curacao have gone North, presumably to join the fleet reported at St. Pierre, Martinique, consisting of the armored cruisers Catalina, Cardinal Cisneros and Princess Asturias.

These are armored cruisers, sister ships to the Vizcaya, and are very fast, being twenty-knot boats.

### Closing About Cervera.

Washington, D. C. May 16.--(Special.)--A desperate effort by the Spaniards to run the blockade at Havana is feared, as Blanco is very short of provisions. Schley is now well down on the Florida coast and will be in a position to guard the Florida straits to-morrow and enable Sampson to take his ironclads to the south side of the island and hem the Spanish fleet in the Carribean Sea.

### Fitzhugh Lee to the Front.

Washington, D. C., May 16.--(Special.)--The designation of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee as Commander of the Seventh Corps, indicates that he is to accompany the army of invasion when it begins the Cuban campaign. It is known that this has all along been Gen. Lee's earnest desire.

### Six Months Provisions.

Washington, May 16.--(Special.)--The government will provide the troops that are to be sent to Manila with provisions sufficient to last six months.

### Will Bulletin News.

Washington, May 16.--(Special.)--Secretary Long announces that hereafter he will post all news proper for publication on bulletin boards.

### EXCLUSIVE WAR NEWS TO-DAY.

Winding the coils around Cervera.  
Fitzhugh Lee will invade Cuba.  
General order of military assignments.  
Havana suffering greatly from the blockade.  
Six months' rations for Manila troops.  
Wheeler to lead the cavalry volunteers.  
Captured correspondents to be exchanged.  
Spanish fleet goes north from Curacoa.

### A RECKLESS NEGRO.

Crashed Into a Vehicle Injuring  
the Driver.

Robert Spurlin Was Fined \$50 in  
The City Court  
Yesterday.

Robert Spurlin is a negro laborer, employed on the farm of Mrs. James Major. Yesterday Robert was sent to town with a team of two mules. When he reached the city limits he put whip to his mules and drove his wagon rapidly and recklessly by Bethel Female College in the direction of Main street.

The carriage of Mr. Henry Wallace, with Tom Cox, the colored driver was standing on the side of 15th street.

Spurlin saw the carriage and had every opportunity to check the speed of his team and avoid an accident. But he wasn't built that way, and crashed into the carriage, demolishing the vehicle and throwing Cox out. The latter was severely injured. Two bones were fractured in his right hand which was terribly lacerated.

Spurlin continued on his way in triumph. A warrant was sworn out against him later and he was arrested. Judge Leavell fined him \$50.

He seemed perfectly indifferent regarding the serious consequences of his recklessness and made no effort to palliate the offense.

He said that Mrs. Major would stand for the fine and he was sent out in custody of an officer to interview his employer.

### Will Be Serious.

Tampa, Fla., May 16. Army officers have given up the idea that a campaign in Cuba is to be of the short and sweet order. Scarcely one of them holds the opinion that the United States forces will land, march triumphantly and uninterruptedly to Havana, carry that city by storm in a day and all Cuba within two or three weeks. It is a fact that many army men came to Tampa with the idea that they were simply going to Cuba on a little tropical picnic, with just enough burnt powder and camp life to make the affair interesting. In short, they looked upon the whole business much as the northern volunteers regarded the civil war before the first battle of Bull Run. But the events of the last week, the Cardenas and Cienfuegos affairs, the failure of the Gussie expedition and the growing conviction that the effective force of the insurgents has been largely overestimated, has served to change opinions and ideas.

It is dawning upon many that the Spaniards in Cuba are numerous enough, brave enough and reckless enough and strong enough to put up a series of good fights.

### Foundation Completed.

The stone foundation for the Merritt office building, at the corner of Main and Fifth streets, is completed and brick work will begin at once. The building will be pushed to a speed completion.

### Moving In.

Mr. John Young is moving a large stock of implements into his new two story brick building, on Sixth street, and is ready for the busy season.

### BASSETT IS BACK.

Lieut Comes Home For More  
Recruits.

Gives Good Account of Hopkinsville Boys--Many Expected Home To-Day.

Lieut. E. B. Bassett, of Co. D, Third Regiment Kentucky State Guards, walked into the Phoenix hotel yesterday morning and affixed his signature to the register. He came direct from Camp Collier, at Lexington, and the object of his return is to secure recruits to fill the vacancies in his company caused by the rejection of eleven men and the voluntary withdrawal of about twenty.

Of the 82 officers, privates and volunteers who left this city, 71 passed their examinations successfully. Of those who passed about twenty did not volunteer for service in the United States Army, and the most of these had declared prior to their departure that they would not do so. They were taken to Lexington under the impression that this part of the service was compulsory. A majority of them are young men who hold positions of responsibility and trust, and some of them are the sole support of families. They did not intend to join the United States Army when they left Hopkinsville; they would not have gone to Lexington had they not believed that they were ordered there. These facts should be remembered when the young men return.

A number of letters and telegrams were received yesterday by the parents and guardians of the non-volunteers, requesting remittances for transportation home. From his it would seem that the "return trip and one day's rations" are not forthcoming to those who did not volunteer. Lieut. Bassett said to a KENTUCKIAN reporter that he thought arrangements would be made by Capt. Feland for the boys' transportation home.

Lieut. Bassett opened his recruiting office yesterday and posted bulletins in front of the newspaper offices announcing that fifty recruits were wanted. Up to six o'clock last evening twelve men had enlisted. It is not unlikely that Lieut. Bassett will return to Lexington with enough recruits to fill out the Company's complement.

The boys are all in excellent spirits, says Lieut. Bassett. They are becoming accustomed to the routine duties of camp and inured to the hardships and hard tack of a soldier's life. Blankets arrived just before Lieut. Bassett departed but had not been distributed. The boys are still sleeping on straw in the stalls of a large stable, but they are not eating hay and corn and few of them are feeling their oats. With the exception of private Robt. Davis, who has been in the hospital with fever, there has been no sickness among the Hopkinsville men.

Lieut. Bassett was besieged yesterday by the fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers of the Latham Light Guards who were eager to hear something from their sons and brothers; and more than one young lady tried to hide the tell-tale blush as they timidly inquired of certain individuals whose caps are adorned with the initial "D".

Those who failed to pass were Henry Foster, J. G. Daniel, Will-

iam R. Wicks, Jessup Tandy, S. O. Rutherford, Thomas Witty, J. R. Dickerson, L. D. Brown.

Among those who did not volunteer for army service were, Leslie Waller, Everett Tandy, W. H. Hester, William Wiley, Alex Boulware, Stanley Long, Perry Newman, T. C. Van Cleve, E. H. Hester, Louis Waller, James A. Young, Robert Morefield.

It is probable that all of the above young men will return to-day or to-morrow.

### ROOSEVELT AT SAN ANTONIO.

Ex-Assistant Secretary of the  
Navy Joins the Cowboys  
in Camp.

San Antonio, Texas, May 16.--Lieut. Col. Roosevelt came into camp Sunday afternoon and turned his flashing eyeglass with a critical gaze upon his 600 semi-metamorphosed cowboys. The cowboys in their turn and as critically looked at Roosevelt, and the double in-



EX-ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROOSEVELT

spection was mutually satisfactory. The ex-assistant secretary of the navy and present cavalryman arrived on the early morning train from New York.

### Cervera Cannot Escape.

Washington, May 16.--At the Navy Department it is believed that the Spanish fleet cannot escape both Sampson and Schley. The two American squadrons are moving on the enemy from opposite directions their object being to hem it in. The current opinion at the department is that the Spaniards will try to avoid an engagement until they have been gradually reinforced from the Cadiz fleet. Certainly up to this time they have been successful at their hide and seek game.

Both Sampson and Schley have the same orders--"Capture or destroy the Spanish fleet." This order will be obeyed, but whether in twenty-four hours or in as many days, is a matter of speculation, though the navy authorities express the belief that the meeting on the waters must take place within a short time now.

The assurances from Dewey have set the official mind at rest concerning matters in the East. The capture of the Spanish gunboat Callao adds another good fighting machine to the Asiatic squadron. There will be delay, however, in sending the troops to the Philippines.

The final orders for the volunteers to move were issued to-day, and from now "On to Cuba!" will be the cry.

### BASE BALL.

(Special.)  
Chicago 12, Cleveland 4.  
All other games postponed.

### City Court Items.

Robert Griffith and Clarence Griffith, a couple of colored youths, went out to ride on a tandem Sunday night. Returning to the city they forgot to light their lamps and were fined \$1 each with costs, for this lapse of memory.

John Ledford, col., imbibed too freely Saturday night and in consequence was assessed \$5 and costs, in the city court yesterday morning.

Kirk Allen was fined \$1 and costs, for riding a wheel at night without a lantern.

The young people of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Fairview have organized a Christian Endeavor Society with fourteen members.

### AGAIN TO THE WALL.

M. V. Monarch, The Owensboro  
Distiller, Assigns Again.

The Owensboro Sour Mash Distillery Company Also Goes  
Down in the Wreck.

Owensboro, Ky., May 16.--(Special.)--The Owensboro Sour Mash Distillery Company, with a capital stock of \$150,000, assigned to-day to the Columbia Trust Company at Louisville. This is one of the Monarch distilleries and M. V. Monarch also made a personal assignment to J. A. Lyddane. The M. V. Monarch Company assigned June 3, 1897, but the assignment was set aside and a receiver was appointed by the court.

### TRAIN ROBBED OF ITS SAFE.

Highwaymen at Cuba, Miss., Secure \$800 and Make Their  
Escape.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 16.--The North-bound Alabama Great Southern passenger train was held up by a gang of bandits at Cuba, Miss., late Saturday night, and the express car was robbed of all the money in the safe. Cuba is a small station in the woods. When the train stopped for water four or five masked men entered the express car and demanded the keys to the safe. The express messenger pluckily refused to give them up, whereupon the safe was rolled out of the door and dumped down the steep embankment.

The train was pulled to the nearest station and officers were telegraphed for, who arrived on the scene a few hours later. The safe was found blown open, and the contents--\$800--taken, but some valuable packages were left untouched. The bandits have not been captured.

### UNABLE TO LAND.

The Spaniards Successfully Repel  
the First Invasion.

Key West, Fla., May 16.--The North coast of Cuba from Matanzas West to Bahia Honda or farther, a distance of 100 miles across part of Matanzas province, all of Havana and the Eastern part of Pinar del Rio, is patrolled by Spanish scutaries who are stationed within sight of each other all the way. This explains why the steam transport Gussie returned from Cabanas bay to Key West yesterday her expedition virtually was a total failure. This does not mean that failure was due to any delinquency on the part of Capt. Dorst, in command, or to any one else with the expedition, but that the Spaniards are doing something to protect the coast from invasion, and their arrangements at least are effective to prevent communication with the insurgents on this part of the coast.

### Gracey Up-to-Date.

Gracey, Ky., May 16.--The town jail is now completed and three negro prisoners who have been under guard, have been assigned to the honor of occupying it first. The gang who painted the town red a few nights ago, were fined \$7 apiece and have been squaring themselves with the city for several days by reducing large rocks to small ones.

J. W. Francis has turned his large tobacco factory into an "opera house" with stage, seats and other arrangements. A medicine company gave a show every night last week.

Farming operations are well advanced.

Many hogs about Gracey are dying.